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M'CRAN TELLS MOTT
TO FIND HALL SLAYER
Deputy Attorney - General
Ordered to Remain on New
Brunswick Case.

TRENTON CHAGRINED
'Jersey Justice' Gets Black
Eye by Course of Inquiry,
State Officers Believe.

EDGE WRITES TO MILLS
Senator Sorry Federal Officers
Are Not Allowed to Help
Hunt Murderer.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 5.—
Wilbur A. Mott, as a special Deputy
Attorney-General, is to continue the
investigation of the Hall-Mills murder
mystery and will make his headquar-
ters in New Brunswick. Aided by
James F. Merson, Newark detective,
he will proceed as though the Grand
Jury of Somerset county had not de-
clined, for the time being, to find an
indictment.

This resulted from a two hour con-
ference this morning in Trenton be-
tween Mr. Mott and Thomas F. Mc-
Cran, Attorney-General. The out-
come was unexpected to Mr. Mott,
for his partner, David Bernheim, said
flatly, while the conference was in
progress, that Mr. Mott expected to
withdraw from the case. That he has
not done so indicates that the State
officials are far from satisfied with the
situation in which vanted "Jer-
sey Justice" has been placed by the
conduct of this inquiry to date.

In his Newark office this evening
Mr. Mott said that he might come to
New Brunswick within a few days. He
added that no one had been eliminat-
ed by the action of the Grand Jury
or otherwise, and that the case was
exactly where it was when the Grand
Jury adjourned.

Statement Issued by McCran.
After the conference in Trenton be-
tween Mott and Mr. McCran the latter
made this announcement:

"Mr. Mott is in the same position to-
day as he was last week, and he will
continue to be so until the case has been
carried to a successful conclusion. The
status of the investigation is just the
same, gentlemen, as it was last week
when Mr. Mott completed his presenta-
tion of the evidence to the Somerset
county Grand Jury."

According to the Attorney-General,
the conference was devoted to a discus-
sion of how best to continue the investi-
gation with unabated vigor and with
the best and quickest results in view.
He said that the failure of the Grand
Jury to indict would not be a bar to the
continuation of the investigation and
intimated clearly that the State's in-
terest in solving the mystery is just
as great to-day as it ever has been.

Reports after the conference were that
Mr. McCran was not well pleased with
the situation that has existed and that
he felt Mott and not Prosecutor Azar-
iah Beekman of Somerset county should
have taken a leading part in presenting
the case to the Grand Jury. The ad-
ditional report that Beekman would
henceforth be kept in the background
was not authentic. There is nothing to
show that Mott's attitude toward Beek-
man has changed.
Mott did not find one new witness to
take before the Grand Jury. The two
witnesses of whom little was known
before the case went to the Grand Jury
were George Sipel, whose evidence was
of a negative character, having to bear-
ing on the murder itself, and Henry
Alpaugh.

Evidence Given by Alpaugh.
The latter gave important evidence
as to seeing a Dodge sedan car near
De Ruyse lane on the night of the
murder. He was found and his story
was obtained by George Totten, Beek-
man's county detective. All the other
witnesses had been known of for weeks
and weeks.

Totten is active in the case and de-
veloped to-day some new evidence,
which he refused to disclose. Detective
David of Middlesex county is also ac-
tive. These men are making every ef-
fort to get sufficient evidence to war-
rant an indictment, hoping to wrest the
credit for "breaking" the case from the
State troopers and Mott's own corps of
detectives.

James Mills, husband of the slain
choir singer, received a letter from Sen-
ator Edge of New Jersey to-night in
which the Senator expressed a desire to
see the crime avenged, but stated he
could see no way in which he personally
could be of assistance. The letter read:
"Returning to my office after a week
end's absence I have your letter of the
20th ultimo asking my assistance in en-
deavoring to punish the instigators of
the dastardly crime which has been
aired so much in the public press. I
wish I could help you. To permit a
crime of this kind to go unpunished is
altogether unthinkable and a blot on the
fine reputation of New Jersey for law,
order and justice."

"I have inquired of the Federal De-
partment of Justice as to any possible
jurisdiction they could have in the mat-
ter. They advise me that the law will
not permit them to enter the case. Of
course, under our criminal law, parties
cannot be tried for crime unless an in-
dictment is found by a jury of their
peers. I feel positive that the State
prosecuting authorities, with whom
rests full responsibility, will never cease
their determined efforts to bring evi-
dence before a Grand Jury which will
warrant indictment and trial."
"If there was a possible way to assist
in the matter I would gladly do so,
but there is nothing more so far as my
position is concerned that I can sug-
gest, but to join with you and all other
law abiding citizens in the hope that
no possible effort will be spared to
bring the parties to trial."

Mills Expected Edge's Aid.
Mills had hoped that Senator Edge
would take a hand. "I don't know that
he can actually do anything himself,
but I do believe that he will be able
to speed up those who are now in
charge," he said early to-day.
"The whole affair looks rotten to me.
I don't criticize the officials so much.
Everybody is being backward, but I
don't think it was so much his fault,
although when I was before the Grand
Jury he did nearly all the questioning
and Mott did not get much of a chance."
"What I can't understand is how the
Grand Jury could fail to return an in-
dictment in the face of Mrs. Gibson's
story."

HOOVER DENIES BACKING
EX-DRY AGENT ON TRIAL
Judge in Bribery Case Gets
Telegram From Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—A statement
attributed by a witness to Roy Wilmot,
former prohibition agent, on trial in
Federal Court for bribery, that Herbert
Hoover was behind him and it was
through Hoover Judge Van Fleet was
selected to try him, was denied by Mr.
Hoover to-day in a telegram to the court
from Watsonville, Junction. Judge Wil-
lam C. Van Fleet, the trial judge, had
handed the telegram to counsel for both
sides and later it was made public. It
said in full:
"My attention has been called to a
statement to the effect I have some in-
terest in the trial of Mr. Wilmot.
"It is scarcely necessary for me to
say that I know nothing about the mat-
ter and have no interest in it one way or
the other."
On the stand yesterday Fred R. Wol-
ferd of Fresno, Cal., testified Wilmot
had the Hoover statement to him.

ELECTED MAYOR OF NOWHERE.
Writer Wins, but Incorporation Is
Defeated.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—John S. Mc-
Groarty, author and newspaper writer,
was a Mayor to-day, but of nothing.
Tujunga, a settlement in the Verdugo
Hills near here, where he lives, unable
to get help from the sheriff to curb
automobile speeders, held an election
Saturday on two proposals. One was
that Mr. McGroarty be elected Mayor,
the other that certain territory become
the incorporated town of Tujunga.
Mr. McGroarty was elected by a large
majority. Incorporation failed by a
large majority.

OFFICER HELD IN LIQUOR CASE.
Max Gottlieb, storekeeper for the Cu-
stoms Department, under indictment on a
charge of conspiracy to defraud the Gov-
ernment, was held for trial in \$2,500 bail
when arraigned yesterday before Judge
John C. Knox in United States District
Court. Gottlieb is alleged to have acted
in complicity with Otto Gass, also under
indictment, in effect to withdraw 450
cases of whiskey from a bonded ware-
house on forged permits.

FALL'S DEPARTMENT
IS ENRICHING NATION
Big Oil and Coal Developments
Cited in Report of Secre-
tary of Interior.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Development of
the country's natural resources under
the direction of the Interior Department
has contributed in great measure to na-
tional stabilization and prosperity, Sec-
retary Fall declared to-day in his annual
report. He listed as outstanding contri-
butions opportunities for home making
upon public lands by returned soldiers
and other citizens, the discovery of new
oil fields, development of existing fields
and increased production of oil and its
products, exploitation of coal deposits
and the opening of mines in the Western
States.

Incidentally, he noted, these develop-
ments have resulted in substantial cash
returns to the Federal Treasury and to
the States in which mineral resources
have been developed under leasing laws.
Greater reclamation of arid lands of
the West was recommended in the report,
which showed that while funds have been
restricted the achievements of the Recla-
mation Service have been gratifying.
One new irrigation project was started
and the total value of crops raised on
reclaimed lands was estimated at more
than \$475,000,000.

Education of Indians has been greatly
promoted. The attendance at Indian
schools for the year was 3,000 greater
than in any previous year.
More than 120,000 pension claims
were disposed of during the year by the
Bureau of Pensions, and 98,000 applica-
tions for pensions were handled. The
total number of pensioners on the rolls
at the end of the year was 547,016, being
19,037 less than the previous year. The
amount disbursed for pensions was
\$232,807,533.

A record breaking number of applica-
tions for patents was received by the
Patent Office, more than 113,500. If
the increase in the work continues at
the rate of the last three years, the

director reported, it may be necessary
further to augment the number of em-
ployees. The Patent Office is self-sup-
porting, Mr. Fall pointed out. Last year
receipts were \$172,000 greater than ex-
penses.

The playgrounds of the nation, its na-
tional parks and monuments were visit-
ed by a record breaking number of
persons, more than 1,236,000.
Increased provision for storage of oil
from Government oil wells in the West
was recommended, that the Govern-
ment, which is forced to sell its oil roy-
alties monthly, may take advantage of
better markets by holding back its
stocks. Provision for more storage
tanks, such as private companies have,
is absolutely necessary, it was said.
Now, Mr. Fall stated, the Government's
oil tend to beat down the price in
periods of depression to the injury of
the consumer. To the extent that the

Government is obliged to take part in
business, it should throw its influence
toward stabilization rather than toward
demoralization of the industry, he said.

Oil Royalties \$7,800,000.
The Government takes its royalties
from oil land leases in the form of crude
oil. Mr. Fall said returns from this
source during the year amounted to
\$7,800,000, while \$2,500,000 was received by
the Indian tribes from royalties on oil
produced from Indian owned lands.
Reports of the Governors of Alaska
and Hawaii are summarized.
Gov. Bone of Alaska noted that a
steady increase in Alaska's exports and
imports foreshadowed returning pros-
perity. He added that until mining was
inaugurated on a large scale and indus-
tries started the population could not
be expected to increase greatly. The

Governor submitted a long list of rec-
ommendations.
Gov. Farrington of Hawaii reported
that while general business conditions
had improved the agricultural labor sit-
uation still was serious.
Production of helium, the non-inflam-
mable gas for lighter than air craft, is
under the jurisdiction of the Interior De-
partment. Notable progress has been
made by the Bureau of Mines in per-
fecting methods of separating helium
from natural gas, in which it occurs.
The most serious situation facing the
department is the low scale of salaries.
The Secretary asserted. One of the bu-
reaus of the department was organized
in 1812 and another in 1823, and since
those dates the salary schedule for em-
ployees has not been revised. Because
employees can earn more in other de-
partments and in outside industries the
loss and turnover have become demor-
alizing, he said.

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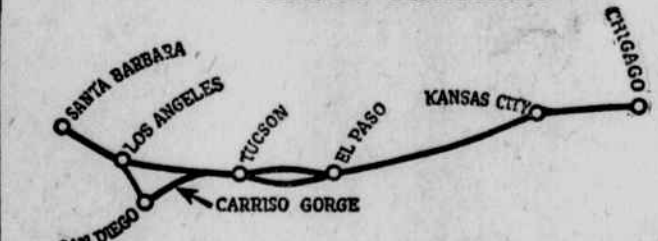
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